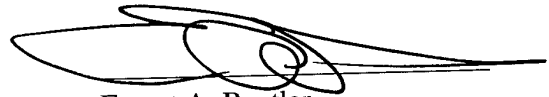


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In support of Applicants' priority claim made in the declaration of this application, enclosed herewith is a certified copy of Japanese Application 2001-210278 filed July 11, 2001. Pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, please place this into the file.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended A) An armature for a rotating machine having a circular core of a magnetic material and a plurality of magnetic pole teeth extending radially from said circular core and terminating at terminal ends spaced from said circular core, each of said magnetic pole teeth defining a core and an enlargement formed at the terminal end of said core, to define slots formed between adjacent magnetic pole teeth, each of said slots having a mouth formed between adjacent enlargements, an insulating bobbin having a circular portion lying on one side of said circular core and leg portions that extend for the length of said pole teeth at least on the sides of said slots and insulator portions extending at least along the side of said enlargements facing said circular core for protecting windings formed by a winding needle from damage by the winding needle.

4. (Amended A) An armature for a rotating machine as set forth in claim [3] 1, wherein the [insulators] insulator portions have a greater thickness than the insulating bobbin leg portions.

5. (Amended A) An armature for a rotating machine as set forth in claim [3] 1, wherein the [insulators] insulator portions define an open slot that receives the winding nozzle tip.

6. (Amended A) An armature for a rotating machine as set forth in claim 5, wherein the open slot is formed between portions of the [insulator] insulator portions that define an opening smaller than the diameter of the received winding nozzle tip.